

House Resolution 707

By: Representatives Reece of the 27th, Rogers of the 26th, and Mills of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ms. Willia Banks for her outstanding dedication to Georgia's children; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Willia Banks has touched the lives of numerous children as a Court
4 Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in Hall County, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, CASA is a nonprofit organization that provides trained, screened, and
6 supervised community volunteers who advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected
7 children; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Banks has devoted countless hours to this cause, advocating for children
9 involved in juvenile court deprivation proceedings through no fault of their own and for
10 permanent solutions to the troubled lives of over 45 children; and

11 WHEREAS, active with the program since November, 1994, Ms. Banks was selected from
12 among 1,500 CASA volunteers state wide for the Karen Sibley 2004 Volunteer of the Year
13 Award; and

14 WHEREAS, she has been an inspiration to her fellow volunteers, serving as a trainer for new
15 CASA volunteers, eagerly assisting in local CASA events, and playing an instrumental role
16 in securing funding for the CASA program; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Banks exemplifies the highest level of integrity in her role as a CASA
18 volunteer, diligently researching each case and providing the court with thorough information
19 and evidence to provide quality representation of the child's best interest; and

20 WHEREAS, in addition to her work with CASA, Ms. Banks has served on the Board of
21 Advisors for My Sister's Place, a community shelter for homeless women and children; has
22 volunteered for many years at Family Relations Program, a community sexual abuse

1 treatment center for children; and has served on the Children and Youth Coordinating
2 Council of Hall County.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body join to commend Ms. Willia Banks for her untiring efforts on
5 behalf of Georgia's children and her commitment to ensuring each child's right to a safe and
6 permanent home.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Willia Banks.